



Iowa NENA Fall 2015 Minutes

The Iowa Chapter of NENA held their annual fall conference at Prairie Meadows, in Altoona on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. President, Cara Sorrells, called the meeting to order and made introductions.

Motion to approve the agenda, Doug McCardle. A second by, Lora Phillips, Johnson County. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the November 5th minutes, Lora Phillips. Second by, Judy Flores, Black Hawk Consolidated 911. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The financial report from January 2015 to present was given by Treasurer, Pam Freshwater. The beginning balance was \$19,799.53, with the deposits to date we have \$30,871.75 with the Fall Conference expenses yet to be paid. Motion to accept the financial report, Mike Becker, SECC. Second by Rob Koppert, Cass County. With no questions, it was approved unanimously.

The State E911 Program Manager, Blake DeRouchey, was not present to give a report.

There was no NEW BUSINESS to discuss and no business from the floor was introduced.

In OLD BUSINESS, Bob Seivert, gave the Legislative Committee report. He advised we are in a defensive mode this year compared to last legislative session. The issues are getting a higher percentage back to the PSAPs vs the grant. There has been talk of changing the formula on-going this session. Rob Koppert believes we should be in an offensive mode, not defense, as the reason the surcharge was raised was to pass the money back to the locals and we need to go after it tooth and nail to get it back to the local boards. Bob Seivert suggested we move forward with proposing a greater percentage distributed back to the locals. Rob Koppert agrees, with a greater percentage we can bank money for those big projects. Kirk Hundertmark suggested we eliminate the grant and just give the \$100,000 per County. Rob Koppert asked if that is sustainable. Doug McCardle states there must be a formula to get money back to the locals. Marilyn Stayner, Worth County, stated the grant has been a greater benefit to smaller PSAPs [than a distribution percentage]. Rob Koppert said he believes the grant money is going to go away in a few years anyway. Marilyn asked what that will do to small PSAPs [if it does]. Rob advised if we can get the distribution to 58% that will benefit all PSAPs. The efficiencies study will show that 911 Centers are only being supported by a percentage of the surcharge and we need to stress to the legislators we can't rob from the locals because we pledged to not raise taxes. Charlie McClintock, Cedar Rapids PD, stated large PSAPs are spending a lot more than small PSAPs, some PSAPs don't even apply for the grant money. If we continue to build up a large surplus in the wireless budget only to lose it. He would rather spend it at the PSAPs that need it and will use it, than offer it to those who don't need it or won't use it. Gary Schwab, Jones County, stated we need to be more proactive. Cara stated they [the legislators] are already going to look to take it and it

might already be too late for this legislative session. Charlie stated there is no incentive to consolidate if we get \$100,000 per PSAP, but if the distribution were a percentage based on usage, population, etcetera then we would have a greater incentive to consolidate. Bob advised the overriding goal is the surcharge needs to come back to the local PSAPs.

Cara advised there were no nominations from the Nominations Committee. The position of 2nd Vice President is vacated by Charlie McClintock who will now be the 1st Vice President, as Bob Seivert moves up to President and asked for nominations for 2nd Vice President. Charlie McClintock nominated Dina McKenna, Story County. Rob Koppert motioned to cease the nominations. Seconded by Judy Flores. Dina was elected 2nd Vice President by a unanimous vote. The position of Secretary is up for election, currently held by Brenda Vande Voorde. Marilyn Stayner nominated Brenda Vande Voorde to retain the position. Rob Koppert motioned to cease nominations. Seconded by Judy Flores. Brenda was re-elected to Secretary by a unanimous vote. The position of Treasurer is up for election, currently held by Pam Freshwater. Bob Seivert nominated Pam Freshwater to retain the position. Sally Hall motioned the nominations cease. Seconded by Judy Flores. Pam was re-elected to Treasurer by a unanimous vote. Cara administered the Oath of Office to President Bob Seivert, 1st Vice President Charlie McClintock, 2nd Vice President Dina McKenna, Treasurer Pam Freshwater and Secretary Brenda Vande Voorde.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Vande Voorde

IENA Secretary